

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a graph illustrating a US Full Service / 286K / 13.0% Net Brake Ratio (NBR) Theoretical Single Car Stop / Level Grade;

Figure 2 is a graph illustrating a US Full Service / 52,260 Lt. Wt. / 38.0% Net Brake Ratio (NBR) Theoretical Single Car Stop / Level Grade;

Figure 3 is a graph illustrating standard adhesion curves for different rail conditions;

Figure 4 is a graph illustrating a braking analysis for the present invention;

Figures 5A, 5B, and 5C are a printout of a series of tests conducted at different speeds which illustrate the change in deceleration due to brake shoe fade; and

Figures 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F, 6G, and 6H show a series of charts illustrating the theoretical design differences in available adhesion and adhesion demand of the brake systems.

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Remarks

The specification has been amended in accordance with the changes to the drawings and to provide updated related application information. No new matter has been added.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment and/or drawing changes, he/she is invited to contact the undersigned Agent for Applicant.

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